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SUBJECT: OPIUM BAN: APPLICABLE TURKISH LEGISLATION

REF: A) STATE 134084; B) ANKARA 4813

1. REFERENCE TO A ONE-YEAR NOTIFICATION PERIOD AND JULY 1 DEAD-
LINE FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION ON THE POPPY BAN (REF B) ARE FOUND IN
ARTICLE 18(A) OF OPIUM LICENSING AND CONTROL LAW (NO.
3491, AS AMENDED), WHICH WAS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY ANKARA
A-250 OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1971. PERTINENT SECTION OF ARTICLE
18 READS AS FOLLOWS:

"REGIONS WHERE POPPY FARMING AND RAW OPIUM PRODUCTION
SHALL BE CARRIED OUT ARE TO BE PROPOSED BY THE MINISTRIES OF
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE JOINTLY BY TAKING INTO
CONSIDERATION AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS,
EXPORT POSSIBILITIES AND THE STOCK SITUATION, AND DETER-
MINED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. A DECREE ON THIS
SUBJECT SHALL BE PROMULGATED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AT
THE LATEST BY JULY 1 ANNUALLY. IF NO NEW DECISION
HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THIS
MATTER, THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECREE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR
SHALL BE CARRIED OUT.

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IT IS MANDATORY TO ANNOUNCE THE RESTRICTIONS COVERING LOCATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND FOR WHICH ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THIS ACTION. PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED IN THESE REGIONS EXCLUSIVELY FOR RAW OPIUM PRODUCTION."

2. TURKISH LAW NO. 812, DATED DECEMBER 12, 1966, AUTHORIZED THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, WHICH WAS DONE BY A DECREE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DATED FEBRUARY 14, 1967, ARTICLE 22 OF THE APPENDIX AGREEMENT (REF A) IS ARTICLE 22 OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION, WHICH PROVIDES, UNDER APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THE PROHIBITION OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION BY STATES WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION.

3. TEXT OF LAWS 3491 (AS AMENDED) AND 812 ARE BEING POUCHED. EMBASSY FILES DO NOT CONTAIN COPY OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE LETTER, DATED JUNE 26, 1971, MENTIONED IN THE ERIM GOVERNMENT'S DECREE.
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